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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PETERS ET AL.

Examiner

Erick Glass

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CD/CD)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Clifton et al. (5,932,935).

With respect to claims 1, 5, and 6, Clifton et al. discloses a system and method for controlling said system comprising: a synchronous motor (col. 10, lines 17-20; brushless motor is a synchronous motor; a field coil (col. 4, lines 32-35); a normal field supply unit (Fig. 15, power from IN) and a standby field supply unit (Fig. 15, #988); and a control unit (fig. 15, #980,972,974,976,978,986,988 interpret all as control unit) that connects the normal field supply unit into the circuit with the field winding, system and in response to a failure of the normal field supply unit automatically changing over the system from the normal field supply unit to the standby field supply unit (col. 16, lines 1-19; if flywheel storage is below a certain level then the system switches over to the standby power source #988).

With respect to claims 2, 5, and 7, Clifton et al. discloses a sensor that senses (col. 16, lines 9-12) a signal representative of an electrical parameter, and wherein the system responds to a deviation of the signal from a predetermined value by switching

With respect to claim 3, Clinton et al. discloses a control unit that controls the switching from the normal output to the standby output (Fig. 15, #980 controls switching).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With respect to claims 4 and 8, the Prior Art does not teach one standby field excitation supply unit that is shared by a plurality of synchronous motors.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed December 13, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that Clifton device does not teach all parts of the present invention, specifically the synchronous and field excitation supply unit. The examiner respectfully disagrees. The supply unit of Clifton connects the motor with energy to allow magnetic flux to form in the rotor, and creates the synchronous system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erick Glass whose telephone number is (571)272-8395. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 M-F.

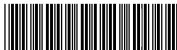
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan can be reached on 571-272-1988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Lincoln Donovan/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2837

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